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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the final Official Action mailed December 14, 2004 (hereinafter Final Official Action) and accompanies a RCE. Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner in the teleconference on May 11, 2005 regarding the Final Office Action and the Amendment After Final that was filed by Applicants on February 10, 2005. Applicants have filed herewith a RCE to have the present claim amendments entered and to request reconsideration of the pending rejections in view of the following explanation of the patentability of the claims over the newly cited reference.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper, which are not otherwise covered by checks submitted herewith, may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 09-0461.